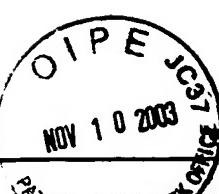


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 9, 2003, Applicants offer the following election and amendment.

The election begins on this page; the amendment begins on page 3, and Applicants' remarks begin on page 4.

ELECTION

As the dead polymer, Applicants elect ZEONOR 1020R, which is identified by the supplier as a "cyclo-olefin polymer." This species of dead polymer is

listed in the specification at page 18, lines 1-6. The list on page 15, lines 24-32 and on page 18, lines 19-33 cited by the examiner is not a complete list of the dead polymers cited in the specification.

As the reactive plasticizer, Applicants elect isobornyl methacrylate, which is listed in the specification in Example 7, at page 23.

Claims 1 through 9 of the application are readable on these elected species. This election requirement is respectfully traversed.